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SUBJECT: MEDIA COMMENT: SA EXPULSION VOTE

1. CURRENT ISSUE OF HORIZONS 80, KINSHASA BUSINESS/
ECONOMIC WEEKLY, CARRIES ARTICLE BY POLITICAL AFFAIRS
EDITOR MOMOTE-DABANGE STRONGLY DENOUNCING BIG THREE
UN VETO ON EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA. WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF ZAIRE MAGAZINE COMMENT TIED TO OAU STATEMENT ON THE UN
VETO, THE HORIZONS 80 ARTICLE IS CLEARLY THE HARSHEST
CRITICISM THUS FAR EXPRESSED BY ZAIRIAN MEDIA ON THE VOTE.

2. MOMOTE-KABANGE ATTACKS THE U.S. BY NOTING THAT AMERICAN
FRIENDSHIP TOWARD AFRICA CAN BE MEASURED BY ITS TIED LOANS
AND FOOD AID. FURTHERMORE, "THE SECRET REPORT OF HENRY
KISSINGER ON SOUTH AFRICA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NEVER BEEN
DISCLOSED WITHOUT THE REVELATIONS OF CELEBRATED AMERICAN
COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON. TODAY, EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT
HAPPENDED. HENCEFORTH, WHEN THE UNITED STATES VOTES AGAINST
THE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA, THIS PHRASE OF KISSINGER
MUST BE REMEMBERED:' THE WHITES ARE THERE TO STAY. THERE
ISN'T ANY CHANCE THAT THE BLACKS WILL ASSUME THEIR POLITI-
CAL RIGHTS BY VIOLENCE."

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3. AND "AS LONG AS THE AFRICAN NATIONS ARE NOT CAPABLE

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OF DIRECTLY THREATENING THE INTERESTS OF THE GREAT POWERS, APARTHEID CAN LIVE FOR A LONG TIME", THE HORIZONS JOURNALIST NOTES. "MEANWHILE, THE MILITARY POTENTIAL OF PRETORIA IS REINFORCED" AS THE ONLY MEANS OF PREVENTING ITS OVERTHROW. "IN THIS KISSINGERIAN VISION, NEITHER ETHICS NOR HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS COUNT", MOMOTE-KABANGE CONCLUDES.

4. UNSIGNED AND MILD ZAIRE MAGAZINE COMMENT CONCLUDES COLUMN ON OAU STATEMENT ATTACKING US, BRITAIN AND FRANCE:... "THE BEST LESSON THAT THE AFRICAN STATES CAN DRAW FROM THIS VETO IS THAT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE NOT PUTTING OFF THEIR HEGEMONIC MANEUVERS. THIS MUST NOT BE TOLERATED BY AFRICANS*"

5. COMMENT: APPEARING ALMOST TWO WEEKS AFTER THE VOTE ITSELF, THESE ARTICLES REPRESENT THE ONLY ZAIRE MEDIA COMMENT ON WHAT CERTAINLY COULD HAVE BEEN A VOLATILE ISSUE. WHETHER THE ZAIRE MEDIA WERE STILL BASKING IN THE AFTERGLOW OF THE FOREMAN-ALI CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AND THEREFORE REACTED TOO SLOWLY OR WHETHER THEY DELAYED REACTION UNTIL GIVEN GUIDANCE, THE U.S. STILL CAME OUT WITH NO SCARS AND ONLY A BRUISE OR TWO.
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